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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 14-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 4, lines 10-11, there is no antecedent basis for "said DVD navigator ". It is suggested that "said DVD " has to been changed to --a DVD --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-3 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hasegawa et al (6,552,254).

Regarding claim 1, Hasegawa discloses a device (Fig. 1 and 2, column 5, lines 5-40)) for supplying a commentary stream related to a data unit via a network, comprising:

a server (1)) , for storing a stream which has commentary information and corresponding navigation commands (column 5, lines 65 to column 6, line 8, and outputting the commentary stream (audio, picture and voice commentary) according to a data unit identifier (column 10, lines 63 to column 11, lines 12 -25); and

a client end (2) , for receiving reading the data unit identifier, outputting the data unit identifier to the server via the network, receiving the commentary stream via the network, then providing second commentary information (selecting and purchasing the item) from the unit data according to the navigation commands (selection command) , and then outputting commentary information corresponding to a combination of the first commentary information and the second commentary information (purchasing information) (column 11, lines 13-40, column 12, lines 30-45, Figs. 7-8) .

Regarding claim 2, Hasegawa teaches the client end comprises:
a first RNS receiver for receiving the commentary stream; an RNS parser, coupled to said RNS receiver, parses the commentary stream into the navigation commands, first audio data, first video data, text commands, and drawing commands (column 10, lines 20-35); and

a data unit navigator, coupled to said RNS parser, for getting the second commentary information from the data unit according to the navigation commands (column 11, lines 1-40).

Regarding claim 3, Hasegawa further teaches said server comprises:
a data base for storing the commentary stream; and a first RNS transmitter for transmitting the commentary stream (column 10, lines 50 to column 11, line 10).

Method claims 14-16, correspond to apparatus claims 1-3. Therefore method claims 14-16 are rejected by the same reason as applied to apparatus claims 1-3.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasegawa et al (6,552,254) in view of Watkins (6,341,375).

Regarding claim 17, Hasegawa fails to teach the data unit is a DVD.

Watkins teaches a having server having data unit is a DVD and a client end receiving the data from the DVD (column 6, lines 30-65, Fig. 1)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Hasegawa with Watkins by using a data unit of Watkins as an alternative to the data unit of Hasegawa for receiving the DVD data from a server and reproducing the DVD data.

Regarding claim 18, Hasegawa as modified with Watkins further teaches 18. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the network is the Internet.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 4-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Uragawa and Kanazawa teaches system for processing and transmitting DVD stream .

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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